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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 0423

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SUBJ: INDIAN OCEAN

REF: DAR 369; DAR 329; DAR 0421

1. SUMMARY. FONMIN MALECELA STRESSED TO ME FEB. 9
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TANGOV SEEKS TO SEE INDIAN OCEAN BECOME ZONE OF PEACE FREE OF

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ALL GREAT POWER NAVAL ACTIVITY. IN FURTHERANCE
THIS GOAL TANGOV REQUESTS REDUCTION NAVAL FORCES IN
INDIAN OCEAN BE INCLUDED AS ITEM IN ONGOING US-USSR
DETENTE TALKS. END SUMMARY

2. FONMIN MALECELA REQUESTED I MEET WITH HIM IN HIS OFFICE
MORNING FEB. 9. MALECELA OPENED DISCUSSION BY SAYING HE
PERSONALLY WISHED CORRECT MISSTATEMENT TANZANIAN POLICY MADE TO
ME BY FONMIN DIRECTOR RECENTLY CONCERNING INDIAN OCEAN. WHEN
FONMIN DIRECTOR SAID THAT USSR NAVAL SHIPS IN INDIAN OCEAN TO
DEFEND RIGHTS SMALL NATIONS AND IMPLIED THAT USSR WELCOME IN
INDIAN OCEAN BECAUSE USSR USUALLY SUPPORTED AFRICANS ON AFRICAN
MATTERS, HE DID NOT EXPRESS OFFICIAL VIEW TANGOV. MALECELA MADE
FOLLOWING POINTS: TANZANIA SINCERELY SEEKS INDIAN OCEAN TO BE
ZONE OF PEACE. IT OPPOSES ALL GREAT POWER NAVAL ACTIVITY THERE.
US FRANKLY ANNOUNCES ITS NAVAL ACTIVITIES IN INDIAN OCEAN AND
THEREFORE TANZANIA BELIEVES IT MUST REMIND US OF ITS VIEWS
THIS MATTER. USSR DOES NOT ANNOUNCE ITS NAVAL ACTIVITIES IN
INDIAN OCEAN AND TANZANIA HAS DIFFICULTY FINDING OUT
INDEPENDENTLY WHAT RUSSIANS ARE UP TO IN AREA. THEREFORE IT
MAY SEEM THAT TANZANIA MORE CRITICAL OF US THAN USSR. THIS NOT
TRUE REFLECTION, HOWEVER, OF TANZANIAN POSITION. TANZANIA SIMPLY
WANTS INDIAN OCEAN BE ZONE OF PEACE, FREE OF ALL BIG POWER
NAVAL COMPETITION. MALECELA CONCLUDED BY COMMENTING HE HAD TAKEN
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AGAINST FONMIN DIRECTOR WHO HAD ERRONEOUSLY
STATED TO ME TANZANIAN POLICY ON THIS MATTER. (FYI. MALECELA
CONSIDERABLY DISTURBED BY MISSTEP OF FONMIN DIRECTOR AND I SUR-
PRISED AT EXTENT HIS REACTION. I DO NOT KNOW IMPLICATIONS
"ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION" BUT OFFENDING DIRECTOR NOT PRESENT
DURING THIS SESSION AS HE HAS BEEN ON OTHER OCCASIONS. END
FYI)

3. I EXPRESSED APPRECIATION THIS CLARIFICATION OF TANGOV POLICY
TOWARDS INDIAN OCEAN. AS FOLLOW-ON TO SIR ALEC'S DISCUSSION ONE
OF MY EMBASSY OFFICERS HAD BRIEFED FONMIN OFFICER BERNARD MUGANDA
ON OUR PLANS EXPAND FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA AND REASONS THERE-
FORE (DAR 0421). I WAS SURE MUGANDA (WHO TAKING NOTES FOR
MALECELA AT THIS MEETING) HAD REPEATED THIS INFORMATION TO HIM.
ONLY ADDITIONAL COMMENT I WISHED MAKE NOW WAS TO SUGGEST
MALECELA MAY WISH ASK SOMALIS, INASMUCH AS USSR HAS NAVAL BASE
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IN SOMALIA, TO CONFIRM INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES RUSSIAN
NAVAL SHIPS INDIAN OCEAN.

4. MALECELA OPINED HE WOULD CONSIDER DOING THAT AS WELL AS SEEKING
INFO FROM USSR DIRECTLY. HE THEN ASKED IF IN US-USSR DETENTE TALKS
IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR US DISCUSS WITH USSR REDUCTIONS
RESPECTIVE NAVAL FORCES INDIAN OCEAN. US HAS TECHNICAL CAPABILITY
TO MONITOR ANY AGREEMENT WITH USSR IN THIS REGARD. MALECELA

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SAID THIS WAS CONSIDERED REQUEST OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

5. I REPLIED I WOULD RELAY TO WASHINGTON TANGOV REQUEST THAT REDUCTION NAVAL FORCES INDIAN OCEAN BE CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE ITEM IN ONGOING US-USSR DETENTE TALKS.

6. COMMENT: MALECELA'S POSITIVE STATEMENTS CONCERNING TANGOV POLICY RE INDIAN OCEAN ARE INDEED WELCOME AND BRING TANZANIAN POLICY MORE IN BALANCE THAN LINE FONMIN DIRECTOR MBAGO PRESENTED TO ME FEB. 1 (DAR 0329). WE ARE PLEASED SEE MALECELA REIN IN MBAGO WHO HAS BEEN PUSHING HIS VIEW IN FONMIN FOR SOME MONTHS, E.G. SEE DAR 4215, NOV. 1, 1973. NEVERTHELESS, US AND PRESUMABLY NOW USSR AS WELL WILL CONTINUE TO BE CRITICIZED BY TANGOV FOR NAVAL ACTIVITIES IN INDIAN OCEAN, AND TANZANIA CAN BE EXPECTED CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS MAKE INDIAN OCEAN A ZONE OF PEACE.
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